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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting on Research Contribution to U/W Planning

PARTICIPANTS:



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1. Mr. [redacted] opened the meeting by reporting on his visits to Bad Tolz and Honolulu last fall. Field people responsible for U/W planning are very enthusiastic about materials forwarded to them by Col. [redacted]. In the case of Honolulu, the CINCPAC war planners have used the D/GG feasibility studies directly in developing the theater-level staff and operations plans. A request for the preparation of certain studies in support of these plans is being sent back to the JCS by CINCPAC J-2. *will be originated when the plans have been approved by the JCS.*

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2. Mr. [redacted] asked [redacted] what additional U/W work was likely to come up in the coming year. [redacted] replied that research on sea and air access to and exit from safe areas specified in the feasibility studies and in field planning would be requested. He commented in this context on the role his office had been able to play in bringing together such organizations as the Air Rescue Service and the Marine Assault people, with consequent benefit to the assembly of related intelligence information. In this case, consisting of the location of abandoned, potentially repairable airfields, and smaller beaches suitable for assault and/or logistic use.

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3. Mr. [redacted] asked whether [redacted] branch had itself been engaged in research or producing intelligence; that there were evidences that such was the case. [redacted] replied in the affirmative, and showed the group a number of examples of studies compiled in his branch. The studies were identified with the word "TAB" (standing for *Symbol*)

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* materials produced by

o for clandestine operations

for "Target Analysis Branch"), followed by number groups and the date. The most recent of the publications was TAB/3-14-00, September 1958.

All of the ~~are~~ *are*
4. The publications ~~were uniformly~~ related to U/W planning. Those shown were titled as follows:

Polish Borders (TAB/I-06-00)
Finland-Norway-USSR Borders (TAB/12-24-00)
E and E Surveys (TAB/3-13-00, TAB/1-51-00)
The Near East, ~~with~~ supplement entitled Survival,
Evasion and Escape-(TAB/3-14-00)

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██████████ stated that studies were prepared in fulfillment of priority requirements from the field. In each case, previously published material was out of print or had never reached the requestor presently concerned.

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██████████ showed the group three letters requesting similar studies which had been received by the DCI and routed to his office for action. As yet, he has had no time to get to them.

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5. An examination of the publications showed that they consist largely of collations of existing finished intelligence, with brief-downs of and additions to the original sources as appropriate to the purpose of publication. ██████████ stated, in response to questions, that his group did not engage in research, per se, that it acquired the necessary latest and best material from existing sources and checked this with the experts in the fields covered. His group is in a good position to do this, for it has access not only to finished intelligence producers in the community but need only to walk down the hall to get up-to-the-minute comments from operations staffs. D/GG has had experience with the collation and checking ~~process~~ *activity*, though at no time ~~being informed~~ *as to the purpose of it. formally requested and fully willing* as to the purpose of it. *participant.*

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6. Mr. ██████████ asked whether ██████████ was aware that he was operating in direct conflict with the National Intelligence Survey program and in violation of Agency regulations governing responsibilities for research and production of finished intelligence. ██████████ replied that his work probably was in conflict with the NIS, but that the NIS didn't fit the needs of his ultimate consumer--a U/W team sergeant. The TAB production was simply an attempt to get an important job done, in spite of inadequate recognition and official support.

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7. Mr. ██████████ asked why ██████████ didn't pass his requirements to ORR for action as has been done with the original feasibility studies and laminated operations maps. ██████████ stated that the requirements

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were normally of high priority with very short suspense dates. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the GRA was quite capable of producing intelligence on short notice, that this was a part of its basic responsibility. Mr. [REDACTED] cited the crash research work for the Indochina crisis in 1953.

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8. [REDACTED] stated that he would be glad to unburden himself of the task of producing the TAB studies, that he was tired of the constant battle to fulfill needs with inadequate support, and that if the GRA could take it, so much the better. Mr. [REDACTED] commented that it was questionable who should do the studies--that the study on the Near East was clearly the type of product that OBI is accountable for.

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9. Messrs. [REDACTED] commented that the most serious discrepancies in the studies ^{were} created by their manner of preparation. One who collates, selects, and prunes area intelligence material for tailored republication must himself be a professional researcher of some experience if major errors of fact, omission, or emphasis are to be avoided. The insurance provided by a check with experts in the various fields covered is inadequate because area experts are truly up to date only on topics they happen to be working with at the moment, and the compiler still must exercise subjective judgement in treating controversial topics and in pruning down and adding appropriate "pitch" to the presentation of other material. The whole affair, it was felt, dramatized the degree to which both the DD/I and the DD/P can be handicapped by the absence of a research beachhead in the DD/P.

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10. Mr. [REDACTED] asked whether it was known in fact what the relative importance of the studies was--what priority they had or should have.

[REDACTED] stated that the field reported an urgent need, that perhaps the subject of TAB work should be taken up with the DCI for his consideration as a service of common concern to be discussed with the Department of Defense. [REDACTED] felt that there remained the problem

of establishing the importance of the studies and the proper organization to do them. [REDACTED], with concurrence from [REDACTED] felt that

the task did not belong in ^{Washington} headquarters at all, but rather in the various Theater headquarters, *where it could be taken in hand along with other types of work which consist primarily of extracting and collating from published finished intelligence.*

11. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the matter would certainly have to be discussed and clarified at higher level. [REDACTED] agreed and again expressed a desire to cooperate in whatever approach the group felt best to take.

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12. Upon request, [REDACTED] summarized the basic research tasks in support of U/W remaining for action by the GRA. These include some 16 remaining feasibility studies,* and an imminent request for safe area access studies. In answer to Mr. [REDACTED]'s query about the detailed requests being forwarded by CINCPAC, [REDACTED] replied that he expected nothing for some time. The DD/P divisions (SR & FE) are still reviewing the plans to which the research would be related and the plans must then be approved by the JCS, which is taking a much lengthier look at such items than formerly.

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13. The meeting closed with Mr. [REDACTED] thanks to [REDACTED] for his time and assistance. Further action is to be determined after discussion with the AD/RR.

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* a SAC requirement for analysis of selected possible safe areas in the USSR and China,

cc: D/G-6 (24 Jul 1954) - Per Dick's request returned 24 July.

Chief, St/A/RR

13 January 1959

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Mid-Year Budget Review, FY 1959, Office of Chief, Geographic Research

REFERENCE: St/A/RR Memo dated 9 January 1959, same subject

A. Vouchered Funds

1. Overtime

It is estimated that an average of 20 hours overtime per pay period will be required for the remainder of FY 1959.

2. Domestic Travel

- (1) trip of 5 day's duration to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- (1) trip of 3 day's duration to Maxwell Field, Alabama.

3. External Research

None.

4. Repairs, etc.

None.

5. Supplies and Materials

None.

6. Equipment

None.

B. Unvouchered Funds

None.

C. The mid-year budget reviews of the three divisions of the Geographic Research Area are attached.

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